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FIXATION SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2007, requiring election/restriction of the above-referenced application to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-35, and 56-63, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 61.

Group II: Claims 36-50, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 73.

Group III: Claims 51-55, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 73.

Group IV: Claims 64-72, drawn to a method, classified in class 606, subclass 60.

Applicants elect the Group I (claims 1-35, 56-63), drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 61.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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